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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

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FILE SYSTEMS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 1, 2008, the period of response to which is set to expire on July 1, 2008. An RCE is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: